

# News Release



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## Habitat Conservation Projects Receiving \$1.9 million in Grants

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Parks and Recreation today announced the allocation of \$1,970,000 to local agencies for acquisition or development of public recreation areas and fish and wildlife habitat in California.

The money is made available under the Wildlife Protection Act, an initiative approved by voters in 1990. Under the Act, the California Department of Parks and Recreation administers programs aimed at conserving fish and wildlife habitat and providing public access.

In the 2002-03 fiscal year, the Department is allocating grants in four categories:

1. TRAILS, PROGRAMS, AND URBAN ACCESS: Acquisition and development of trails and funding for interpretation and access to park and wildlife areas;
2. TROUT AND ANADROMOUS SALMONIDS: Acquisition, restoration and enhancement of aquatic habitat for spawning and rearing of anadromous salmonoids and trout resources;
3. RIPARIAN HABITAT: acquisition and enhancement of riparian habitat;
4. WETLANDS: acquisition or enhancement/restoration.

The following agencies have been selected for funding:

### Trails, Programs, and Urban Access

- The City of Anderson: \$45,000 for the South Volonte Trail Project. The project will consist of construction of a .6 mile walking and biking trail around the perimeter of Volonte Park with viewing areas along a wetland/nature area.
- The City of Encinitas: \$31,000 for improving 2.85 miles of trails, including informational signs, trailheads, fencing and erosion control in the Manchester Conservation Area.

- The City of San Luis Obispo: \$100,000 for the acquisition of the Ahearn property, approximately 640 acres of land near the City of San Luis Obispo for trail purposes.
- The County of Kern: \$20,000 for paving the NUOOAH Nature Trail within Tehachapi Mountain Park.
- The County of Los Angeles: \$200,000 for the Calabasas/Cold Creek Trail. The project will consist of the acquisition of open space to develop trails.
- The City of Los Angeles: \$96,000 for the development of 2.5 miles of urban trails at the White Point Nature Preserve. The project provides pedestrian access for the enjoyment of scenic, cultural, historic, and wildlife

### **Trout and Anadromous Salmonoids**

- East Bay Municipal Utility District: \$30,000 for the Mokelumne River Spawning Habitat Project. The project will include replacement and rehabilitation of spawning gravel to increase in-stream production of fall-run Chinook salmon and steelhead trout.
- The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District: \$462,500 for property acquisition at Tunitas Creek. The project includes the acquisition of 708 acres of anadromous (steelhead) spawning creeks.

### **Riparian Habitat**

- The City of Irvine: \$25,000 for the restoration of Bommer Canyon Riparian Habitat.
- The City of Monrovia: \$125,000 for the acquisition and preservation of the Wright property, wilderness land that represents riparian habitat.
- The City of Salinas: \$22,000 for the restoration of native grasses at Cesar Chavez Community Park.
- The City of Visalia: \$168,000 for the acquisition of the Mill Creek/Evans Ditch Jungle, providing a 50-foot waterway setback along Mill Creek and restoration of habitat.
- The County of San Diego: \$100,000 for the acquisition of approximately 154 acres within the Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve.

### **Wetlands Restoration**

- The City of Novato: \$200,000 for the Scottsdale Pond Project. The project includes restoration and enhancement of habitat for resident and migratory wildlife, including pond excavation and the creation of a berm and habitat island, aeration system for fish, riparian and upland landscaping, and removal of invasive plants.

- The County of Los Angeles: \$210,500 for the La Sierra Canyon and Wetlands Project that consists of the acquisition of 60 acres of undisturbed wetlands and the preservation of wetland species.
- The County of Santa Clara: \$65,000 for the restoration and enhancement of approximately 55 acres of fresh water wetland and adjacent uplands at Joseph D. Grant County Park.
- The Hesperia Recreation and Park District: \$20,000 for the development of the Wetlands Habitat project located at Hesperia Lake.
- The Manila Community Services District: \$50,000 for the Manila Dunes Wetland Habitat Project. The project consists of restoration of coastal dunes located at the Manila Dunes Recreation Area on Humboldt Bay.